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Access to Memory

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 26, 2004, please enter the following
amendment and remarks.

In the claims:

1. (previously amended) A memory interface device for interfacing a number of host applications
to a memory device, the memory interface device comprising:

a host interface for interfacing with the number of host applications in a protocol
associated with the corresponding host application;

a memory interface for interfacing with the memory device wherein one or more of the
host applications and the memory device operate in response to different protocols;

a number of contexts operably coupled to the host interface for receiving memory access
requests from the number of host applications and providing result/status information to the

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